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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: Stephen B. Austin  
Application No: 10/804,876  
Filed: 03/20/2004

Group Art Unit: 3644  
Examiner: Susan C Alimenti

For: **METHODS FOR AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING FUNCTIONS AT ANIMAL PROCESSING FACILITIES AND SYSTEMS THEREFOR**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO 9 SEPTEMBER 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the 09/9/2006 Office Action in the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and arguments supporting allowance of the claimed subject matter. A Request for Continued Examination and our check for \$790 for the RCE fee are enclosed. If any Extension of Time for this response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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